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1. I AM MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR COMMENTS RELATIVE
 TO YOUR MEETING AND CONSIDER HIS QUERY
 CONCERNING A DEFINATE DATE FOR FURTHER PILOT TRAINING A
 REASONABLE ONE. IN TURN, I APPRECIATE YOUR INABILITY TO PROVIDE
 MORE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION AND WILL PROVIDE AN INSIGHT TO OUR
 PRESENT CAPABILITY SO THAT YOU WILL BE AWARE OF OUR POSTURE.
 YOU MAY USE THE INFORMATION AS YOU FEEL NECESSARY IN YOUR
 DISCUSSIONS.

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2. WITH TWO ARTICLES ENGAGED IN TACKLE
 MISSION ACTIVITY ONLY, THE TWO ARTICLES AT ARE HEAVILY
 COMMITTED WITH LITTLE RELIEF IN SIGHT. WE ARE PRESENTLY TESTING
 ANOTHER NEW "H" LENSE WITH A NEW "B" LENS SCHEDULED THE END
 OF THIS MONTH. CONCOMITANT WITH THAT ARE CONTINUING RED DOT

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TO [REDACTED]

MISSIONS OF INDEFINITE TERM THAT TEST FILMS FOR SPECIAL
PROJECTS. SCOPE SAINT VI, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OVER RIDING THESE,

BECAUSE OF WHITE HOUSE LEVEL INTEREST, IS A SERIES OF MISSIONS

[REDACTED] THAT

WILL BEGIN IN MID OCTOBER AND RUN FOR 90 DAYS AND PROBABLY 120
DAYS. OUR REQUIREMENT COULD BE AS MUCH AS THREE MISSIONS IN A
FIVE DAY BLOCK EVERY TEN DAYS. INTEGRATING ALL THE ABOVE WITH

THE BEGINNING OF TRAINING FOR [REDACTED] DRIVERS IN JANUARY

PLUS THE CONTINUATION OF OUR PRESENT [REDACTED] PILOT TRAINING

LEAVES US NO SURGE CAPABILITY IN ANY AREA AND THUS PRIORITIES

HAVE BECOME PARAMOUNT WITHIN THE REQUIREMENTS LEVIED UPON US

SINCE 1 JAN 72 TO DATE, [REDACTED] HAS FLOWN 283 SORTIES TOTALING

879.8 HOURS WHILE [REDACTED] HAS FLOWN 189 SORTIES FOR 606.7 HOURS.

THIS AMOUNTS TO ROUGHLY HALF AGAIN THE EFFORT OF [REDACTED]

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TO [REDACTED]

THIS COMPARISON IS NOT TO DENIGRATE THE OUTSTANDING EFFORT OF

[REDACTED] BUT ONLY TO SHOW OUR EFFORT AT [REDACTED] IN THE LIGHT
OF EXCELLENT WEATHER AND A HOST OF COMMITMENTS.

3. THE NECESSITY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF [REDACTED] PILOT INPUT

IS DEPENDENT UPON [REDACTED] TOUR EXTENSION AND SETTING
A SPECIFIC DATE AT THIS TIME COULD BE A DISADVANTAGE TO OUR-

SELVES IN ESTABLISHING A COMMITMENT THAT WE COULD DEFER TO A

LATER DATE AND REDUCE OUR LOAD AT [REDACTED] FOR THE FORESEEABLE
FUTURE. IN THIS LIGHT I WOULD RATHER NOT MAKE A DEFINITE COMMIT-
MENT AT THIS TIME BUT REVIEW THE ENTIRE PROBLEM IN THE EARLY
SPRING.

END OF MESSAGE

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COORD: EX/O [REDACTED]

by phone

D/SA Gen. Bevan

by phone

[REDACTED]
WENDELL L. BEVAN, JR.

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